

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Waiver of Agriculture Crop Loans to farmers, Women Self Help Groups; of the State of Andhra Pradesh -Appointment of Expert Committee -Submission of the Committee's Report Adoption of the recommendations by the Council of Ministers –Orders issued.

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**FINANCE (IF) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No.164

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**ORDER:**

Andhra Pradesh State experienced a series of calamities in the past 5 years. 2009-10 experienced severe drought followed by heavy rains causing extensive damage to crops. Unseasonal rains and two cyclones hit the State in 2010-11. There was severe drought in the year 2011-12 while 2012-13 & 2013-14 experienced drought as well as unseasonal rains/ cyclones causing undue hardship to the farming community. Recurrence of calamities year after year has resulted in severe distress among the farmers and a number of farmers have committed suicide.

2. Women Self Help Groups, which mostly operate in the rural areas and whose members largely depend on agriculture, have also suffered due to the calamities narrated above. This has resulted in the erosion of funds and activity of the women groups got drastically reduced. This situation has ultimately lead to default in the repayment of dues to the banks, which provided financial assistance to the farmers and women groups.

3. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh therefore, constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Sri. P. Kotaiah, former Chairman, NABARD; vide the cited GO, to examine in detail the implications and to suggest the modalities and methodology of implementing a "Debt Waiver" Scheme to the above category of borrowers. The Expert Committee submitted their report to Hon'ble Chief Minister which was placed before the Council of Ministers on 21.07.2014.

4. The Council of Ministers deliberated on the Report submitted by the Expert Committee and resolved, keeping in view the severe distress the farming community has been undergoing in the last few years, to waive the agricultural crop loans and gold loans availed for agricultural purpose, together not exceeding Rs.1.50 lakhs per family.

5. The council of Ministers also resolved to infuse fresh capital not exceeding Rs.1.00 lakh per DWCRA Group in order to financially strengthen the groups.

6. Operational guidelines to implement the Debt-waiver scheme will be communicated separately.

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7. This G.O., is available in Andhra Pradesh Government Website <http://goir.ap.gov.in/>

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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